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SUBJECT: UK TARIFF TREATMENT OF KRAFT LINERBOARD

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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AN INTERIM REPLY TO OUR INQUIRIES REGARDING THE UK TARIFF INCREASE ON IMPORTS OF US KRAFT LINERBOARD. ACCORDING TO HM CUSTOMS RECORDS, IMPORTS OF US LINERBOARD WERE TESTED DURING THE PERIOD 1971-74 AND FOUND TO BE "WHOLLY" OF UNBLEACHED, UNDYED SULPHATE CELLULOSE FIBER AND ONLY IN THE 1975 TESTS DID THE RESULTS SHOW THAT THE LINERBOARD DID NOT COMPLY WITH THE DEFINITION. THIS INFORMATION APPEARS ON THE SURFACE TO CONFLICT WITH THE INFORMATION FROM THE AMERICAN PAPER INSTITUTE THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF US KRAFT LINERBOARD DURING THE PAST FIVE YEARS. DOT ALSO SAYS THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE TESTING METHOD OR IN THE DEFINITION USED.

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RECOMMEND DEPARTMENT CONTACT API FOR CLARIFICATION.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DOT LETTER:

"WE HAVE NOW CONSULTED HM CUSTOMS AND THEY HAVE LOOKED INTO THE MATTER MORE CLOSELY THAN THEY HAD BEEN ABLE TO DO AT THE TIME OF DR. MEISTER'S VISIT. THEY HAVE TESTED SAMPLES OF THE US KRAFT LINER REGULARLY TO ESTABLISH WHETHER ONLY THE WHOLLY SULPHATE CELLULOSE MATERIAL IS ADMITTED UNDER RELEVANT HEADINGS AND ACCORDING TO THEIR RECORDS ALL SAMPLES TESTED OF US MATERIAL SAID TO BE "WHOLLY OF UNBLEACHED, UNDYED SULPHATE CELLULOSE FIBRE" IN THE PERIOD 1971-74 WERE FOUND TO COMPLY WITH THE DEFINITION. OF THE SAMPLES TESTED THIS YEAR, HOWEVER, NEARLY ALL HAVE BEEN FOUND NOT TO COMPLY WITH THE DEFINITION AND THEY ARE THEREFORE LIABLE TO DUTY AT THE HIGHER RATE. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE RATES IN THE UK TARIFF DURING 1975 NOR ANY CHANGE IN THE DEFINITION OR METHOD OF TESTING IN RECENT YEARS.

"THIS IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND IF US LINER HAS BEEN MANUFACTURED REGULARLY FOR MANY YEARS WITH A SMALL PROPORTION OF RECYCLED MATERIAL AND WE ARE MAKING FURTHER ENQUIRIES ABOUT IT. WE SHOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IF THE AMERICAN PAPER INSTITUTE CAN THROW ANY LIGHT ON THIS.

"I AM AFRAID, THEREFORE, THAT THIS CAN ONLY BE AN INTERIM REPLY AND I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AGAIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

RICHARDSON

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